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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
INFO AMES RESEARCH CENTER
ATTN SEM/MR
GILLESPIE
MOFFETT FIELD8 CA.

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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

1. TO OBSERVE OCCULTATION OF A STAR BY MINOR PLANET
PALLAS, NASA PLANS MAY FLIGHT OF AMES RESEARCH CENTER'S
KUIPER AIRBORNE OBSERVATORY.

2. AIRCRAFT WOULD STAGE FROM MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA
SUNDAY MAY 28, 1978/MONDAY MAY 29, 1978 (LOCAL TIME) PRO-
CEEDING NORTH INTO CANADIAN AIRSPACE TO POINT NEAR LATITUDE
57 DEGREES NORTH, 119 DEGREES WEST. ACTUAL OCCULTATION
TRACK WOULD BE SOUTHBOUND FROM THIS POINT ENDING AT 47
DEGREES NORTH, 121 DEGREES WEST. AIRCRAFT WILL NOT LAND
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IN CANADA.

3. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED AND OPERATED C-141, REGISTRY
NUMBER N714NA; CALL SIGN NASA 714.

4. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE U.S. CITIZENS.

5. INSTRUMENTATION ONBOARD FOR OCCULTATION FLIGHT IN-

CLUDES 36 INCH DIAMETER TELESCOPE WITH 3-CHANNEL VISIBLE
PHOTOMETER. NO DOWNWARD LOOKING SENSORS.

6. FLIGHT WILL BE MADE AT ALTITUDE OF 41,000 FEET.

7. PILOT WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLAN.

8. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR OCCULTATION IS DR. JAMES
ELLIOT OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

9. PLEASE OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE AND ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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